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20 I'm here today to actually speak in
21 opposition of the Yucca Mountain Project. I do not
22 believe that it has ever been about sound science. I
23 believe it's been a political move. At the time that
24 Yucca Mountain was actually decided upon, Nevada did
25 not have the political strength that it does at this
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1 time. We also were not a million-plus.

2 I'm a native of Las Vegas, Nevada, born and
3 raised. I plan to raise my family here, but that will
4 also determine on exactly what is decided in these
5 hearings and what the President of the United States
6 perhaps has already decided. My opinion is, it is a
7 political game. It has always been a political game
8 regarding money.

9 It's very frustrating to me when I hear of
10 people that are trying to negotiate benefits because
11 there is no price that you can place on your own life
12 or that of your children's. And once those
13 negotiations begin or whatever benefits they're
14 discussing, they're moot because in the event of an
15 accident, the only thing we can do is grab our ankles.
16 We forget about Three Mile Island and other
17 contamination spots and Chernobyl.

18 We seem to forget about things that actually
19 do occur, that radiation is a poison, it's the
20 deadliest substance known to man. The location of the

21 spot has already been contaminated by the test site.
22 We did not know what we know now regarding the
23 radiation poisoning and I find it disturbing that in
24 the newspaper articles that they're discussing the
25 Yucca Mountain hearings. There are also the hearings

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1 for the benefit for the test site workers that have
2 received radiation sickness.
3 I'm here today to oppose it strongly and I am
4 willing to put my life on the line if the trucks do
5 start to roll in. I feel if they do allow them to come
6 in to Nevada, my life, as I know it, is over as it is.
7 Thank you very much for allowing me the
8 chance to speak. I appreciate it.